

NEEDS OF THE LEOPERS

Miserable Steamer Service Complained of.

CHANGE IS RECOMMENDED

Board Will Take No Future Profit In the Goods Sold at the Settlement.

It is probable that the Wilder Steamship Company will lose the job of transporting passengers, goods and cattle to the Lepor Settlement. Superintendent Reynolds of the Settlement brought up the matter yesterday before the Board of Health of the poor service of the Wilder Company, and a resolution was passed authorizing Mr. Reynolds and George W. Smith to request an offer of service from the Hawaiian Navigation Company.

Superintendent Reynolds said that he wished earnestly the board to take up the transportation matter, as it had been in the past and was now a source of great trouble and loss to the Settlement management. He said that in the past two or three years he had made a number of complaints concerning the poor service of the Wilder Company, and that now it had become absolutely necessary to take action. Freight, he said, was often delayed, and the great inconvenience of the colony.

Mr. Reynolds said that the cattle coming to the Settlement underwent bad treatment. Generally 90 head were landed each time. They were taken on board from the Parker ranch at Kalaupapa, and were seldom given any water on the trip to the Settlement. They arrived there exhausted, and were always landed in a great hurry. If two or three swam away while the landing was being made they were let go and picked up later when often they are dying or dead. In every shipment they lost two or three or more.

Mr. Reynolds read the following letter from his assistant at the settlement:

Kalaupapa, November 115, 1900.
"The steamer Kaula arrived here on the 10th instant with cattle from the Parker ranch and commenced discharging at 11 a. m. At 6 p. m. 54 head were ashore. Of these, four were drowned while landing. They still kept landing until 9 o'clock after dark, when it was impossible to keep account of how many they were sending ashore. It was too rough to send word out to the steamer to stop landing cattle from the steamer after dark. Sunday morning, after taking count of the stock landed, there were 67 head in the pen and 8 dead along the beach. The cattle drivers searched the pen and on the kula Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, but no more could be found."

Mr. Reynolds stated that on the last trip, as mentioned in the letter, when 90 head came off the Kaula, that the vessel was overcrowded. The Kaula could not be loaded with 90 cattle. Mr. Reynolds said that he wanted the Board of Health to have a steamship of its own, but as that seemed impossible, they must get other service. He had seen the company owning the gasoline schooner Eclipse, and they were willing to do all the work for \$800 a month, landing cattle twice as often, and only 45 at a time. This would be a great saving to the Settlement, as 90 were too many to handle. The Wilder Company was being paid about \$876 a month. Two hundred dollars was paid for the freight and passenger service, and \$750 for the cattle. There was no formal contract, as it had long run out. The Board was free to deal with any other transportation company. The Wilder Company had told him to do better if he could when he complained.

Dr. Emerson said that if the Board had a president and all the members were present, he would be in favor of making the contract at once. After much discussion it was agreed to have Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Smith receive an offer from the Hawaiian Navigation Company, which owns the Eclipse, which will be acted on at the next meeting.

Mr. Reynolds brought up the matter of liquor being brought into the settlement, as also firearms. He said there was an unwritten law against both, but as there was no formal, printed law, both were being imported. People, he said, obtained permits from the Board of Health to send boxes and packages to their friends in the settlement and in these packages and boxes they hid away liquor and firearms. The lepers, he said, claimed that the Board had no right to exclude these things, and he believed that if a formal law was made that it would be of good effect. He did not believe in keeping out awa, as it was not particularly intoxicating. That is, it did not incite them to violence, and as the lepers believed it helped their disease, it seemed best to permit it.

The Attorney General was instructed to draw up a regulation for the exclusion of firearms and liquor.

Mr. Reynolds called the attention of the Board to the selling of goods in the settlement by others than those in the Board of Health stores. He said that he knew of one man who was doing a small business in dry goods and getting the stock under the Board's contract for freight without expense to himself for that item. The attention of the Territorial Treasurer will be called to the matter, as the traders at the settlement have no license to sell goods. It was suggested that the competition with the regularly authorized settlement stores was on account of the prices charged by these stores, and Superintendent Reynolds was authorized to scale down the prices of all goods so that the profits would merely cover the cost and expenses. It developed in the discussion that the stores had made a profit in two years of \$750, a fixed rate of 15 per cent profit having been established. The stores employ two storekeepers and two clerks, one storekeeper receiving \$40 and one \$25 a month and the clerks \$15 a month each.

The fact that some of the buildings at the settlement were getting beyond repair, was mentioned and Superintendent Reynolds brought up the need of a home at Kalaupapa on a different plan from the one there and at Kalaupapa. He said that there were many people, some living with their wives and some single, who, though helpless, on account of their infirmities, did not want to go to either of the established homes. For men and wife it meant separation. He said some of the lepers thought the home was run on too rigid a plan. Mr. Reynolds was instructed to get his ideas in writing for presentation to the Board.



COMMERCIAL

REAL ESTATE AND STOCK MARKET.

The money market seems to be easing up slightly within the past two days, especially among money-lenders desiring real estate for security. These lenders are now hunting security. One real estate man who was in dire distress last week to secure money on good real estate in order to enable him to put through his deals, was approached three times yesterday by as many different money lenders who are now eager to loan money on real estate for long periods. Eight per cent is invariably asked on these loans, but a few have been made within the last day or two as low as 7 1/2 per cent and even 7 per cent on long notes, usually for three years.

The boom which was predicted for the early part of the present week, and which prevailed for a few days, has subsided somewhat during the last two days and a few of the stocks have declined a few points. There are those of the brokers who believe that buyers are only resting until more favorable opportunities are offered to secure large blocks of the stocks.

Waialua still continues to be the active stock in the market, and is selling now firm at 12 1/2. Oahu holds at 150. Pioneer remains at 150 and 12 1/2. There was a big spurge in Ewa on Wednesday of this week, about 2,000 shares being sold at 2 1/2. The stock is weak at that figure at present, 28 being the bid quotation. On yesterday's exchange Hawaiian Sugar was the principal stock, several hundred shares selling at 30 1/2.

Of the assessable, Olan was weakened from 5 sales to 4 1/2 bid, 5 asked. McBryde is 3 1/2 asked. Kihel has declined, there being no buyers in the market for the stock above 12 1/2. Kihel buyers are awaiting the result of the auction of the delinquent shares which takes place Monday. A Kihel assessment of 5 per cent, being \$2.50 a share, making the stock 45 paid in, is now payable. The next assessment of 5 per cent in all probability will be called in in January.

McBryde Plantation Company has called in an assessment of \$2 payable December 1, delinquent December 15. Kahuku is strengthening up and a large block sold at 2 1/2 yesterday. This sale was not reported on the exchange at that figure. There has been little or no dealing in Honolulu, Paauhau, Onomea, Kilauea or in any of the stocks listed on the San Francisco exchange.

KONA PLANTATION BONDED FOR \$200,000.

The Kona Sugar Company held a meeting yesterday morning at the office of W. M. McCleskey & Co., Queen street. Four-fifths of the total number of shares were represented by the stockholders present. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the proposed bonding of the plantation. The stockholders were favorable to the plan and lost little time in preliminaries leading up to this issue. A resolution was adopted which authorizes the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$200,000. They bear interest of 6 per cent per annum and are redeemable in not less than ten nor more than fifteen years. It is proposed to put the proceeds of the bond issue in needed improvements. This will include the extension of the plantation railway system. The bonds are already disposed of in Honolulu and San Francisco. The annual meeting also scheduled for yesterday was postponed until this morning at 10 o'clock. Manager Cowan of the plantation arrived yesterday morning and will make his report before the meeting today. Officers of the plantation are to be elected for the ensuing year.

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF PLANTATIONS.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ewa plantation will be held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms on Wednesday, November 28, at 10 a. m. The Waialua Agricultural meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28, at 11 a. m. in the same rooms. The Kona Sugar Plantation Company will hold its annual meeting at the office of C. Brewer & Co., Limited, on Wednesday, November 28, at 10 a. m. A special meeting of the stockholders of the Kahuku Railroad Company is called for the same day at 10 a. m. at the office of Alexander & Baldwin. The tenth assessment of 10 per cent on McBryde stock is due November 1 and will be delinquent December 15. The ninth and final assessment of 10 per cent on Waialua Agricultural stock will be delinquent on November 30.

AMONG THE BUILDERS.

The Pacific Club has been made more commodious by the addition of a wing at the rear of the main building and extending to Union street. The wing will be used for kitchen and pantry quarters and store rooms. The added room was made imperative by the increase in membership in the club. The original quarters were somewhat cramped.

The Metropolitan Meat Company has commenced the work of adding on to their present establishment. The brick wall in the Waikiki side has been removed and the foundations for the annex are about to be laid. The added room is made necessary by the expansion of the company's business. In addition to this building a new refrigerator plant will be installed.

QUEEN HOTEL IS IN BAD CONDITION

Sanitary Improvements Must Be Made in the Near Future.

W. Z. Azbill was given permission by the Board of Health yesterday to conduct the Queen Hotel for three months longer before being compelled to make certain sanitary improvements in the buildings and cottages adjoining. The condition of the plumbing was shown to be very bad.

Mr. Azbill pleaded that the agent refused to make the improvements, and that as his lease only ran for two years more, he did not feel able to expend the \$400 that would be required. Executive Officer Pratt told the Board of Health that within a few months the improvements would have to be made by law when the connections were made with the sewer. Taking this into account Mr. Azbill was allowed three months more.

DEATH OF MRS. OLIVEIRA.

Funeral Took Place on Thursday From Catholic Cathedral.

The funeral of Mrs. Benito C. Oliveira, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henriqueta T. Marshall, took place on Thursday last at 4 o'clock in the afternoon from the Catholic Cathedral.

The church was very fittingly decorated and the service was most impressive. The customary ceremonies were performed by the officiating priest and the body was interred in the Catholic Cemetery amid the lamentations of many friends for the deceased was beloved of all who knew her.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. Louis R. Medeiros, M. S. Botelho, Captain Costa, M. Machado, M. Fernandez and John Leal.

The deceased had only been ill for three days and leaves a husband and a little child.

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GERMAN ARTILLERY OFFICER IN TOWN

He Comes to Report on Island Sugar Industry to His own Government.

A fresh-faced well-set-up German officer who arrived on the Zealandia and is stopping at the Vida Villa, is Lieut. Richard Deeken of the Forty-third Regiment of Field Artillery. Lieut. Deeken wears his undress uniform, inclusive of a handsome medal and is making the acquaintance of the planters with military zeal and promptness.

"I am here," he said to an Advertiser reporter yesterday, "to visit the plantations and see what methods and appliances it may be well to introduce into the Ladrone and Samoa where sugar culture is to be developed. I am connected with the Colonial service and am interested in the agricultural progress of all our outlying possessions. While here I shall examine the flora and fauna of Hawaii though I am informed that there is no chance to discover anything new. But my main object is to look into the sugar industry."

After finishing his visit here Lieut. Deeken will go directly to the Ladrone.

BESIEGED BY BEES.

Thousands Eeced Upon Honolulu in Search of Sweet Things.

There seems to have been an invasion of bees in Honolulu during the last few days and each day it appears that the little pests are on the increase. At all of the drug stores, candy stores and every place where a bee would be at all likely to be they are sure to be found.

Inasmuch as flowers at this time of year are not over plentiful, it is supposed that the bees, wanting for good things wherewith to manufacture honey, are out in force looking for the material, and not being able to find it in the open, have been forced to come within doors, and have invaded the stores all over the city much to the danger of business men and their customers. Wherever anything sweet is to be found there are the bees also. Thousands of them made the Halstead Drug Company's store their headquarters and had to be driven away with kerosene and other insect powders. Many people have been stung by the bees, and in some places it is still unsafe to venture unprotected. Hart & Co. and Deeken, Smith & Co. had a pretty good taste of the scourge, as well.

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